

Reasons for allowance

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chris Volkmann on 11/16/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

13. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing instructions for displaying a graphical user interface for sending a message to a recipient using a mobile phone and a keyboard of a computing device that is physically separated from the mobile phone, the mobile phone having a communication protocol for transmitting the message to the recipient, the graphical user interface comprising:

a window;

a menu field located within the window and having a list of available ports
for

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transmission of the message from the computing device to the mobile phone, wherein a user selects one port from the list of available ports for transmission of the message;

a destination number field located within the window and receiving an indication of a

destination number associated with the recipient;

a message field located within the window, wherein the message field displays a body of the message in response to a user typing the message with the keyboard;

a maximum number indication field located within the window, wherein the maximum number indication field includes an indication of a maximum number of allowed characters for each message transmitted using the communication protocol of the mobile phone;

wherein the instructions present a send button ~~located within the window;~~
and a phone book button located within the window; and

wherein the user selects the send button to transmit the body of the message provided in the message field, wherein the computing device concatenates the message into a plurality of message portions based on the maximum number of allowed characters using a processor of the computing device, the plurality of message portions have a consecutive order that is defined based on the body of the message, wherein the computing device transmits each of the plurality of message portions to the mobile device in the consecutive order.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-13, 15-22, 24, 26-35 are allowed.
2. The following is an **examiner's statement of reasons for allowance**:

The prior art of record fails to teach A method to send at least one message to a recipient using a mobile phone and a keyboard of a computing device that is physically separated from the mobile phone the method comprising displaying a destination number of the recipient in response to one of the user typing the destination number with the keyboard and selecting the destination number from a phone book; and sending the at least one message to the mobile phone via the one port, wherein the at least one message is sent to the recipient using the mobile phone.

Metso et al. US 5920826 and Heatley US 2003005009 are references that disclose systems nearly identical to the applicant's. Metso and Heatley disclose a method to send at least one message to a recipient using a cell phone and a keyboard of a computing device and identifying a number of available ports associated with devices for transmitting data between the computing device and the mobile phone; generating a list of the available ports; displaying a user interface on a display device of the computing device, the user interface having a user-selectable control including the list of available ports, a destination number field for entering a destination number for the at least one message, a message field, a send button, and a phone book button, wherein the user-selectable control enables the user to view the number of available ports; however, the

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references fail to explicitly disclose a keyboard of a computing device that is physically separated from the mobile phone the method comprising displaying a destination number of the recipient in response to one of the user typing the destination number with the keyboard and selecting the destination number from a phone book; and sending the at least one message to the mobile phone via the one port, wherein the at least one message is sent to the recipient using the mobile phone. As a result the claims are allowed.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Amanuel Lebassi, whose telephone number is (571) 270-5303. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached at (571) 272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist/customer service whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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